

Laura Bell Taylor Ali

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*In Loving Memory of
Laura Bell Taylor Ali
August 23, 1945 – October 26, 2002*

In His Steps

Dwell not in the valley of despair, waste not another day.
Arm yourself with faith and prayer and then be on your way.
Yield not unto temptation, which leads the soul astray,
But focus on the light ahead and walk, the narrow way.
Your Guide shall always lead you and shield you from harm's way,
But you must follow in His steps and listen and obey.
His strength shall never fail you as you stop awhile to pray,
For at the end of your journey you'll find a brighter day.
At the end of life's great journey, Heaven's just a step away
For all who follow in His steps and listen and obey.

Togetherness

Death is nothing at all – I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

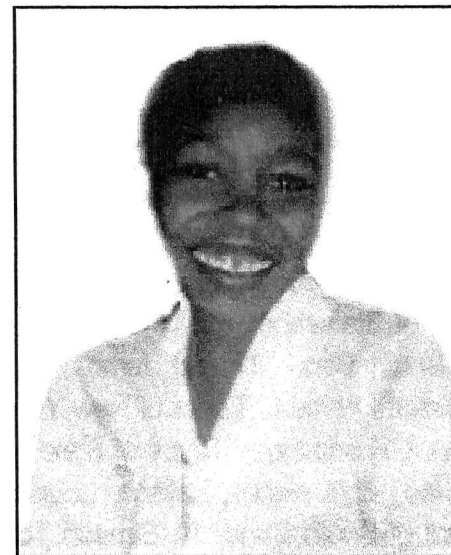
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well.

Nothing is past; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as before – only better, infinitely happier and forever we will all be one together with Christ.

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*Funeral Services
for
Laura Bell Taylor Ali*



Saturday, November 2, 2002
2:00 P.M.

Whitaker Funeral Home Chapel

Elder James Johnson, Eulogist

Burial – Lakeside Church Cemetery
Metter, Georgia

Professional Services

Entrusted to:

Whitaker Funeral Home of Metter, Georgia

Obituary

*"God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change.....
Courage to change the things I can and Wisdom to know the difference.
Amen*

Laura Bell Taylor Ali was born August 23, 1943 in Candler County, Georgia to John Edward Taylor and Lillie Mae Lanier Taylor. She attended Candler County Training School.

For over forty years she resided in New York City. While there she was employed by Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Homecare Council, Inc. as a Home Healthcare Nurse's Attendant. She attended Brown Memorial Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Laura departed this life October 26, 2002 at the New York Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her parents, Deacon and Mrs. John E. Taylor of Statesboro, GA; two brothers, Robert Taylor (Barbara Gail) of South Bend, IN and James Taylor (Debbie) of Metter, GA; three sisters, Annie L. Taylor of New York, Daisy Tookes (Amos) of Baconton, GA and Betty Taylor of Statesboro, GA; seven aunts and five uncles; eight nieces, Latisha, Latasha, Lanisha and Laquesha Taylor, all of South Bend, IN, Simeon Tookes of Atlanta, GA, Debra Renee' Graciana of Richardson, AK, Sandra Lynn Littles of Fairbank, AK and Diane Taylor of Metter, GA; four nephews, Shaft E. Taylor of Metter, GA, John A. Taylor of Portland, OR, Christopher J. Stokes and David A. Stokes, both of Statesboro, GA; several great-nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and a devoted and loving companion, Mr. Archie Ford of Brooklyn, NY.

*God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

Order of Service

Processional
Prayer.....Minister
Scripture –Psalm 23.....Minister
Song – "Precious Lord".....Sister Irene Edenfield
Reflections.....Sister Beatrice Byrd
Acknowledgments.....Whitaker Funeral Home Staff
Song
Eulogy.....Elder James Johnson
Recessional
Interment

Honorary Pallbearers

Nephews

John A. Taylor	Shaft E. Taylor
Christopher J. Stokes	David A. Stokes
Jordy Stokes	Dexter Taylor
Christopher Littles	Jadon Littles

Active Pallbearers

Allen Campbell	Ernest Edenfield
Bobbie Lanier	David Wright
Kenneth Wright	Mike Wright

Acknowledgments

With grateful hearts, we the family of the late Laura Bell Taylor Ali acknowledges the many expressions extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God ever bless you.